



September 20-26, is a special week to spread awareness about the Deaf community. It is important to learn about ALL cultures in the world. So, our very own American Sign Language Expressive courses taught by Ms. Conrad has created virtual posters for you to learn more about the Deaf World. We hope you will take the time to look at all the wonderful virtual posters we have made for you!



# Chuck Baird



- American Deaf Artist
- Attended the Kansas School for the Deaf where he learn art

- Went to the Rochester Institute of Technology
- One of 8 deaf artist who made a manifesto for De'VIA (Deaf View Image Art)



- Had so many different jobs in art
- Created 150 ft long collage/mural
- Passed away in 2012

# Robert Weitbrecht

A Deaf inventor



- Inventor of the TTY
- Helped expand deaf communication abilities
- Worked on the Manhattan project
- Developed the Geiger counter to measure radioactivity to keep us safe today!

The TTY



A man who helped make our world what it is  
today!

(And kept us from getting radiation poisoning)

# DEAF HISTORY: DEAF PRESIDENT NOW

-Protest held at Gallaudet University  
in Washington DC

-March 6, 1988 - March 13, 1988

-Protest against the appointing of a  
hearing candidate for university  
president

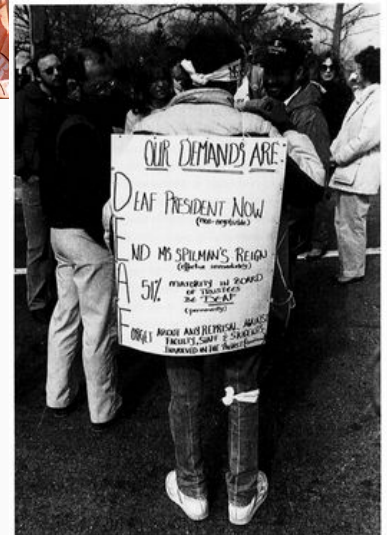
-Elizabeth Zinser (hearing) was  
appointed instead of the Deaf  
candidates, I. King Jordan and Harvey  
Corson

-Students barricaded gates and met  
with press to list their 4 demands

-Protests ended when the demands  
were met and I. King Jordan was  
elected president



Above: I. King Jordan

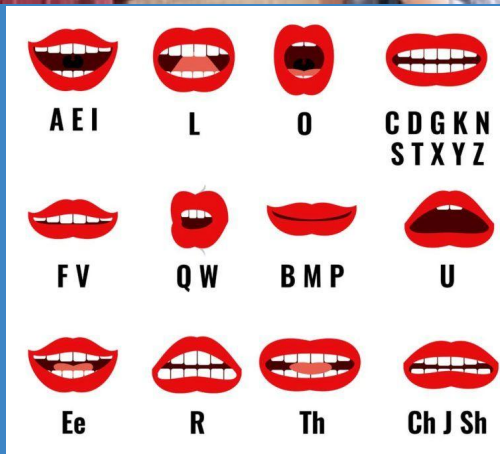


# How to talk to deaf people

- If you're trying to get the attention of the deaf person try tapping on their shoulder, or stop on the floor (like wood or something with vibration unlike concrete) or wave your hand
- Always face a deaf person - it's hard to read lips if you're facing another direction
- Speak clearly - make sure you talk normally so they can read your lips without interference
- Write it down - if you're having a hard time communicating, just write it down



## Social Skills: Tapping Shoulder



# Deaf people and the police

For Deaf people, being pulled over or stopped by a cop is horribly slow and sometimes dangerous situation.

Hardly any police officers know any sign.

Police officers often resort to violence.



2 years ago a deaf man was beaten and tazed in the middle of having a diabetic episode and was put in critical condition because he could not tell the police officers he was deaf.

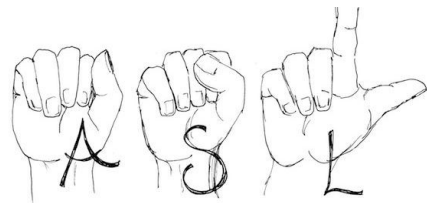
**Police need to be better equipped to deal with deaf people without using violence.**



# DEAF AWARENESS

## *The Facts:*

- ❖ There is no “universal” sign language
- ❖ Only 10% of Deaf people have Deaf parents
- ❖ ASL is the 4th most used language in the U.S.
- ❖ Deaf people prefer to be called Deaf rather than hearing impaired
- ❖ Deaf people have their own culture!



# Deaf Humor

*"Matt Daigle is a deaf cartoonist, designer and illustrator who lives in California. He and his wife produce a hilarious comic strip called That Deaf Guy, about a deaf man who, like Matt, has a hearing wife and son." -Charlie Swinbourne*

- In an interview Daigle explains that a difficult part of making his comics is breaching the gap between two worlds. He says "If the humor is too deaf, hearing people will not understand it and vice versa!"

*Fun Fact: Matt is a friend of Ms. Conrad!*

## THAT DEAF GUY



# Deaf facts

-93% of deaf children are born to hearing parents

-70% of hearing parents who have deaf children do not use sign language

-There is a difference between being big D "Deaf" and little d "deaf"

-Big D Deaf means you identify as culturally deaf, strong deaf identity. Little d deaf means identify themselves with hearing people



# Deaf difference and Space survival



- This video includes a group of deaf astronauts and It quickly goes over some of the experiments they were involved in. In addition, it shows a bit of their training for zero gravity!

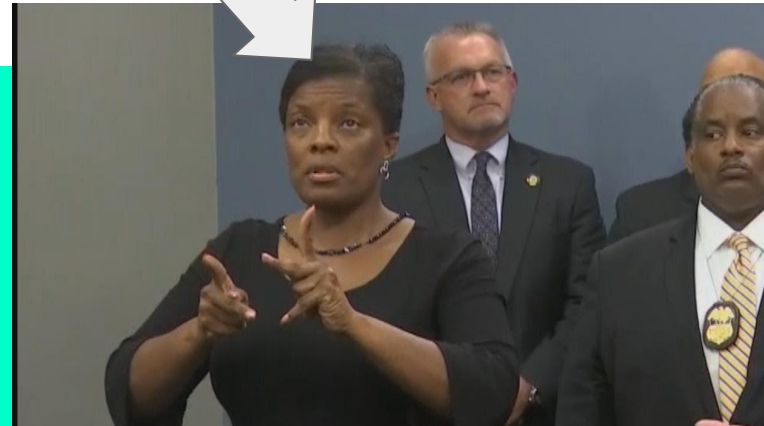
# Beware of the frauds!!

If you ever need to get an interpreter for anything you should make sure they have a proper certificate to sign and they actually know what they are doing. People like this are doing something very illegal that could have caused a lot of problems or just make a fool out of such a good event. Also, IT'S ILLEGAL!!!!

Nelson Mandela  
memorial fraud



Florida Police  
New cast fraud





# SIGNING STARBUCKS

The Starbucks store has staff members that are all fluent in ASL. The store is in Wash. DC. Shows that deaf people can make a workplace more deaf-friendly and have more variety.



# How to make Deaf friends...

- *Learn American sign language to better communicate with them!*
- *Tap them to get their attention!*
- *Ask about their personal experiences in the Deaf community!*



# Deaf People

**They Exist**

**Respect them**



# Education for Deaf Children

**Deaf Baby: I want to understand. Sign to me.**



It is so important that children have the right education and have access to sign language

**ASL Rose advocates Deaf babies' ASL as their birthright.**

# *Fun Facts*

- ★ Gallaudet got its first deaf president in 1988, 126 years after its creation
- ★ Marlee Matlin has been in 61 movies and shows, and has guest starred as herself on 116
- ★ Segregation led to the development of two main dialects of ASL
- ★ The first totally deaf modern politician was MP Jack Ashley, who campaigned for disabled people his whole career

# Henrietta Swan Leavitt



- Leavitt was Edwin Hubble's human computer in the early 1900's
- She was born hearing but slowly lost it over the course of her life
- Discovered the "standard candle" method, which revolutionized the ability to measure the distance of distant stars and galaxies

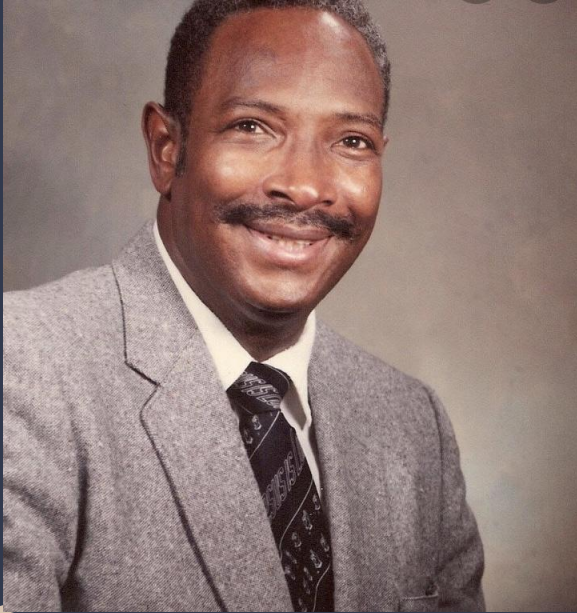


# Marlee Matlin



- Deaf Actor
- Spokesperson for the National Association of the Deaf
- First Deaf person to win an oscar

# Andrew Foster



known as the father of deaf education  
in Africa

- first Deaf African American to earn a bachelor's degree from Gallaudet University
- missionary to the deaf in Ghana, Rwanda and other countries in Africa
- establish 32 schools for the deaf in 13 African nations.

# Deaf History

- On April 15, 1817, the first permanent public school for the deaf, the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, CT, opened.
- On April 4, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed the charter of Gallaudet University in Washington, the first school for the advanced education of the deaf and hard of hearing in the world.
- On March 13, 1988, The Deaf President Now movement succeeded in having I. King Jordan named the first deaf president of Gallaudet University.
- Robert Weitbrecht invented the first telephone typewriter (TTY) in 1964.



**American School for the Deaf**



**Gallaudet University**



**Telephone typewriter**

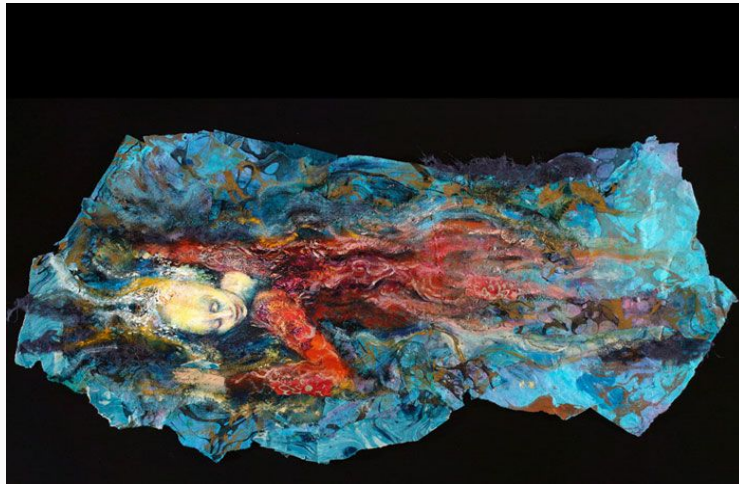
# ❖ Shoshannah Stern ❖

- ❖ Shoshannah Stern is a deaf actress
- ❖ She played Eileen Leahy on the popular show- Supernatural and stars in This Close
- ❖ Another show you may recognize her from is Grey's Anatomy where she plays the first deaf doctor in the show, inspiring many
- ❖ She is a big supporter of All You Need is Love and DeafHope



# Lesley Kushner

- An artist who does paintings sculptures and some mixed media
- Born deaf, went to hearing schools
- Art works in aquatic landscapes, semi-abstract, isolated figures
- Isolation in her art reflects her isolation from other deaf people



# How to talk to deaf people

When talking to a deaf person don't over enunciate when trying to talk, that makes it harder for them to lip read

When trying to get a deaf person's attention yelling at them is not going to work, Try and get in front of them so they can see you or nicely tap them on the shoulder



Keep good eye contact



If you don't know ASL you can always type something out or write it



DON'T wave your hand in there face

Make sure you are talking normal just a little slower so the person you are communicating with can understand

# BeethovensNightmare

## *“The Greatest Deaf Rock Band in the World.”*

Yes, Deaf people ‘listen’ to music. In fact, there are many all Deaf bands!

Ed Chevy, Bob Hiltermann and Steve Longo makeup Beethoven’s Nightmare, an all deaf rock band-- often coined as the “Greatest Deaf Rock Band in the World”.

The inspiration for their name came from Ludwig Von Beethoven, who became deaf at the age of 35. However, becoming deaf didn’t stop Beethoven, or Ed, Bob, and Steve, from pursuing their passion for music.

The band started in 2007 but the members have been playing rock for over 40 years!

The band’s concerts are filled with lights, loud speakers, and interpreters for both hearing and deaf people to enjoy the music.



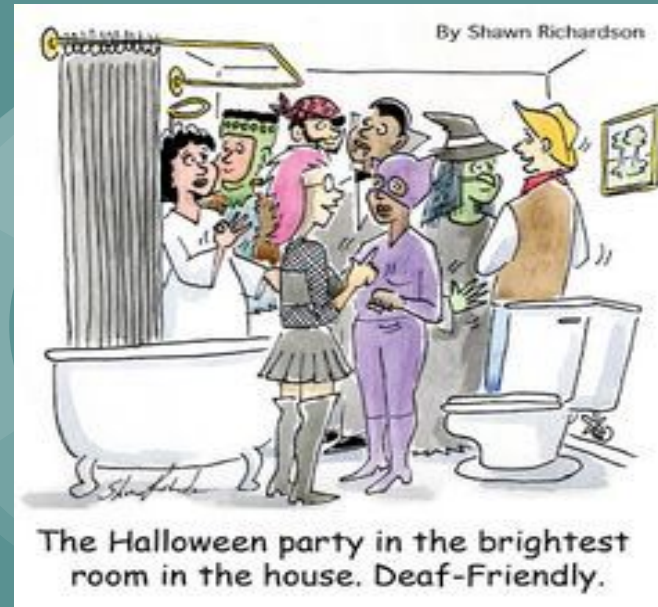
# How to talk to deaf people:

- **Always face a deaf person, make eye contact and keep it.**
- **Repeat and re-phase if necessary**
- **Write it down**
- **Check noise and lighting. Turn off background noise**



# Deaf Humor

- Important to Deaf Culture
- Puns
- Usually about daily Deaf struggles



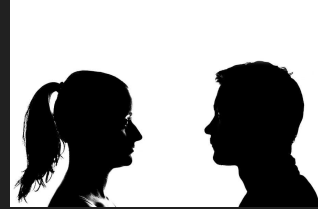
# What to do when meeting a deaf person



Always make sure you have the person's **attention**, a simple wave

Not everyone can sign some people may have **hearing aids** or **lip read**

**Eye contact** and **facial expressions** are important when communicating



Avoid emphasizing mouth movements and shouting.



Try knowing the ABC's in **ASL**



**BE PATIENT AND KIND TO EVERYBODY!**

# How to Communicate with a deaf person

- Using a pen and paper to write what you would say.
- **Learn ASL!**
- The deaf person could read your lips.  
(though this hard and not efficient for communication)

Click this for some  
beginner signs of ASL

[20+ Basic Sign Language Phrases for  
Beginners | ASL](#)



## Did you know?

- ASL is the fourth most used language in the US.
- **1** in **5** american teenagers have some type of hearing loss.
- Out of every **1,000** newborns **3** of them are born deaf and **90%** of them have hearing parents.

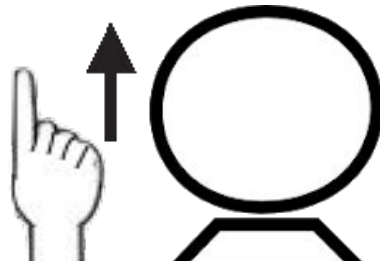
# Start with



If you don't understand...there's a problem.

Learn American Sign Language so the next time you're told this.

You can



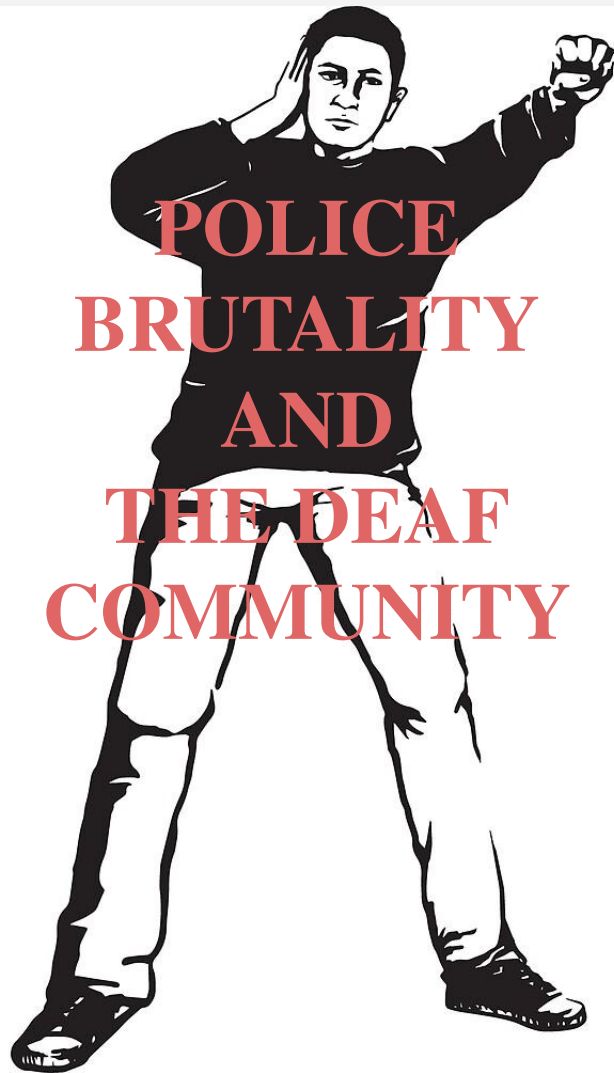
# Christine Sun Kim



- Deaf artist who signed the National Anthem at the Super Bowl last year
- Creates art often based on signs and Deaf rage
- Important role model for young deaf artists



Many deaf people have horror stories from their interactions with the police. They've experienced police violence, wrongful arrests, and discrimination countless times.



Deaf people are urging police officers to learn basic signs to help ease the interaction between them and the police.

Deaf people are tired of being afraid for their lives every time they get stopped. They hope to be treated with patience and respect just like everyone else.

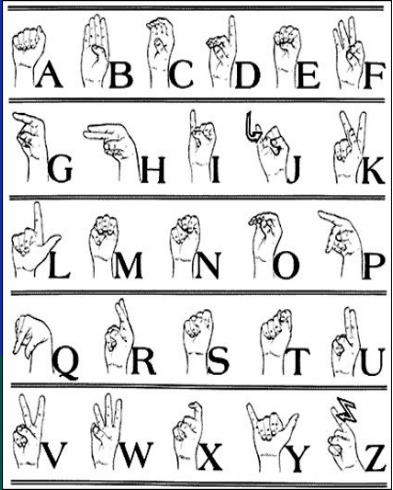
# Did you know...

Different countries have their own sign language? America has ASL, the UK uses BLS, Australia uses Auslan, and there are many more.

ASL is the fourth most used language in America.

3 out of every 1,000 newborns are born deaf.

9 out of 10 children who are born deaf are born to hearing parents.



- **More than 90 percent of deaf children are born to hearing parents**
- **Deafness is the number one birth defect in the U.S.**
- **2 to 3 out of 1,000 children in the United States are born with hearing loss in one or both ears**
- **Genes are responsible for 50% of hearing loss in children**



5% of the world is

**DEAF**

If a Deaf child swears  
does his mother wash  
his hands with soap  
and water?



ASL is the **6th**  
most used language  
in the U.S



# Dr. Makes See-Through Masks



*The  
Mask*



*The  
Maker*



# SEPTEMBER IS DEAF AWARENESS MONTH!

## DID YOU KNOW?

- MORE THAN 90% OF DEAF CHILDREN ARE BORN TO HEARING PARENTS
- DEAFNESS IS NOT A DISABILITY!
- TOO MANY DEAF KIDS DON'T HAVE PROPER ACCESS TO EDUCATION
- AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE HAS ITS OWN GRAMMAR AND SYNTAX!

# What to keep in mind when interacting with a Deaf person (Yes, you can say Deaf... It's not a bad word!)

Try to not use the terms, “hearing impaired” or “disabled”. The terms “deaf” and “hard of hearing” are more acceptable

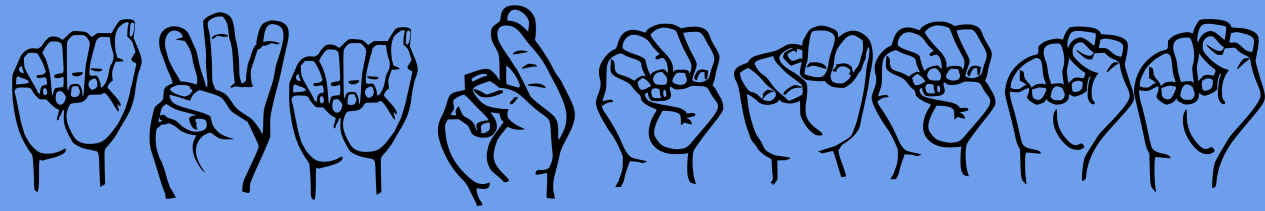
Always face the person when you're communicating, and try to maintain eye contact

Many people who are Deaf use lipreading to keep up with conversations, if you're not using ASL. Speak clearly and UNexaggerated. Lipreading is hard! Be patient and considerate.

When trying to get a Deaf person's attention, just lightly tap them on the shoulder or give them a friendly wave

If you're not familiar with ASL, feel free to write something down on a piece of paper, or on your device





# Gallaudet University



What is it? Private university for the education of deaf and hard of hearing students

Where is it? Washington DC



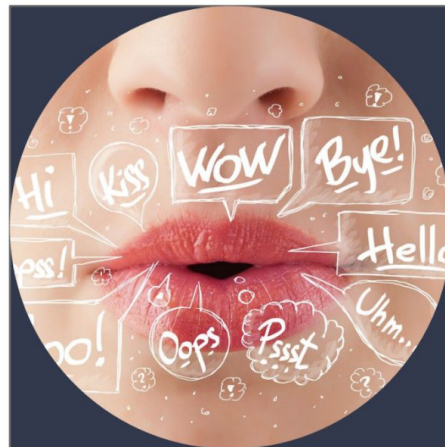
Why is it important? It is the only university in the world in which all programs and services are designed for deaf and hard of hearing students.



# When you talk to someone who is deaf DO NOT TRY TO TALK DIFFERENTLY

Quite a few people think that if they talk either louder, slower, or over pronounce their words someone who is deaf will understand them better. It is a very common misconception, but a very annoying one. If anything doing so make it harder for people to understand you. A little goes a long way!

Speaking in an over exaggerated way can make it harder for people who lip read to understand you. Speak normally that's what they learned to read.





# I. King Jordan



- Irving King Jordan was born in 1943 in Glen Riddle Pennsylvania.
- He became deaf when he was 21 when he was in a tragic motorcycle accident doctors originally told him that his hearing loss would be temporary. He didn't get his hearing back he of several months he deciding to move on with his new life as a deaf person.
- In 1988 he became the first deaf president at Gallaudet University.
- He did not get selected he got beat out by a hearing women named Elizabeth Zinser
- The student at Gallaudet University where not happy so they went on a week long protest that was called "Deaf President Now".
- Today I. King Jordan is still alive at age 76.

thank you

